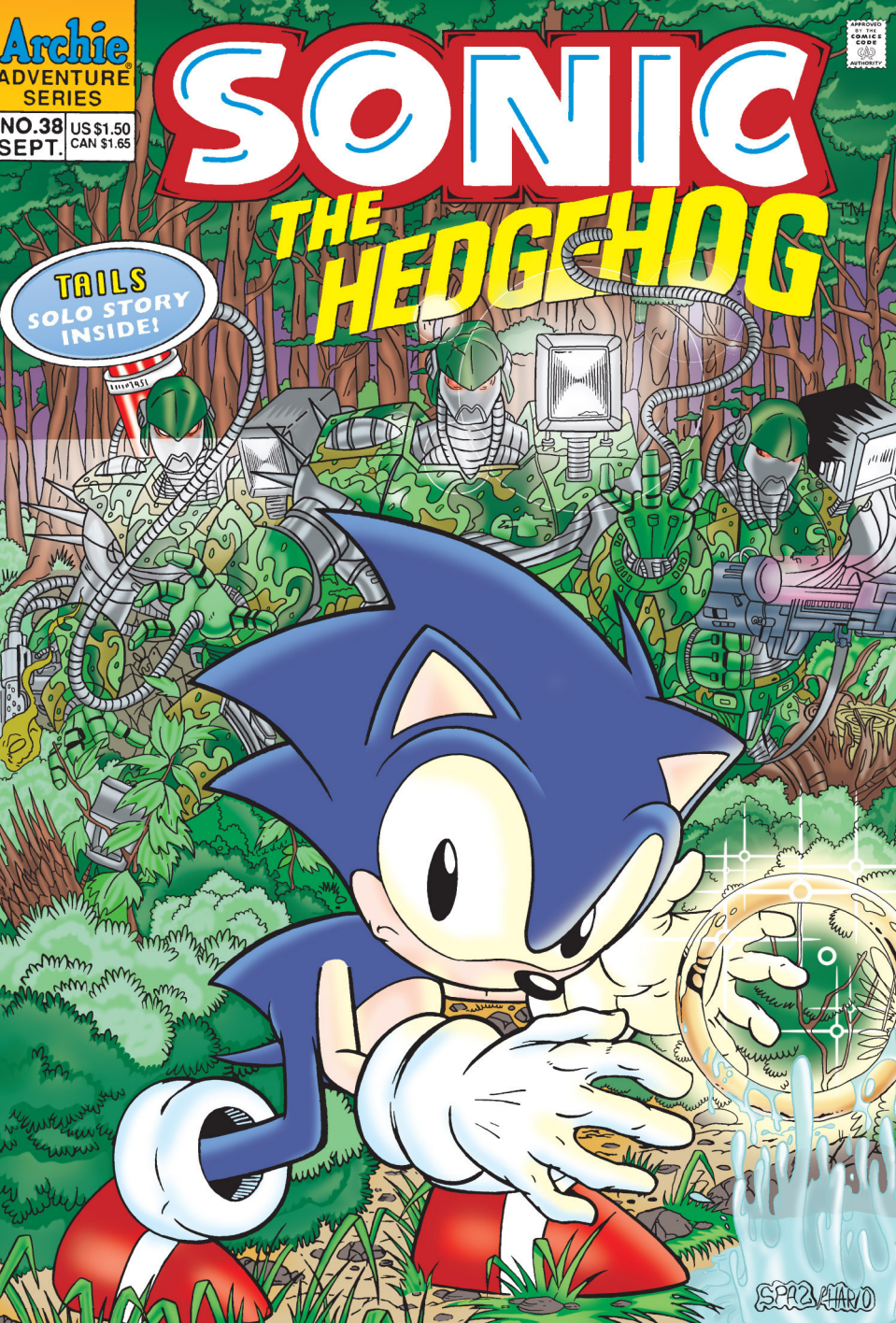
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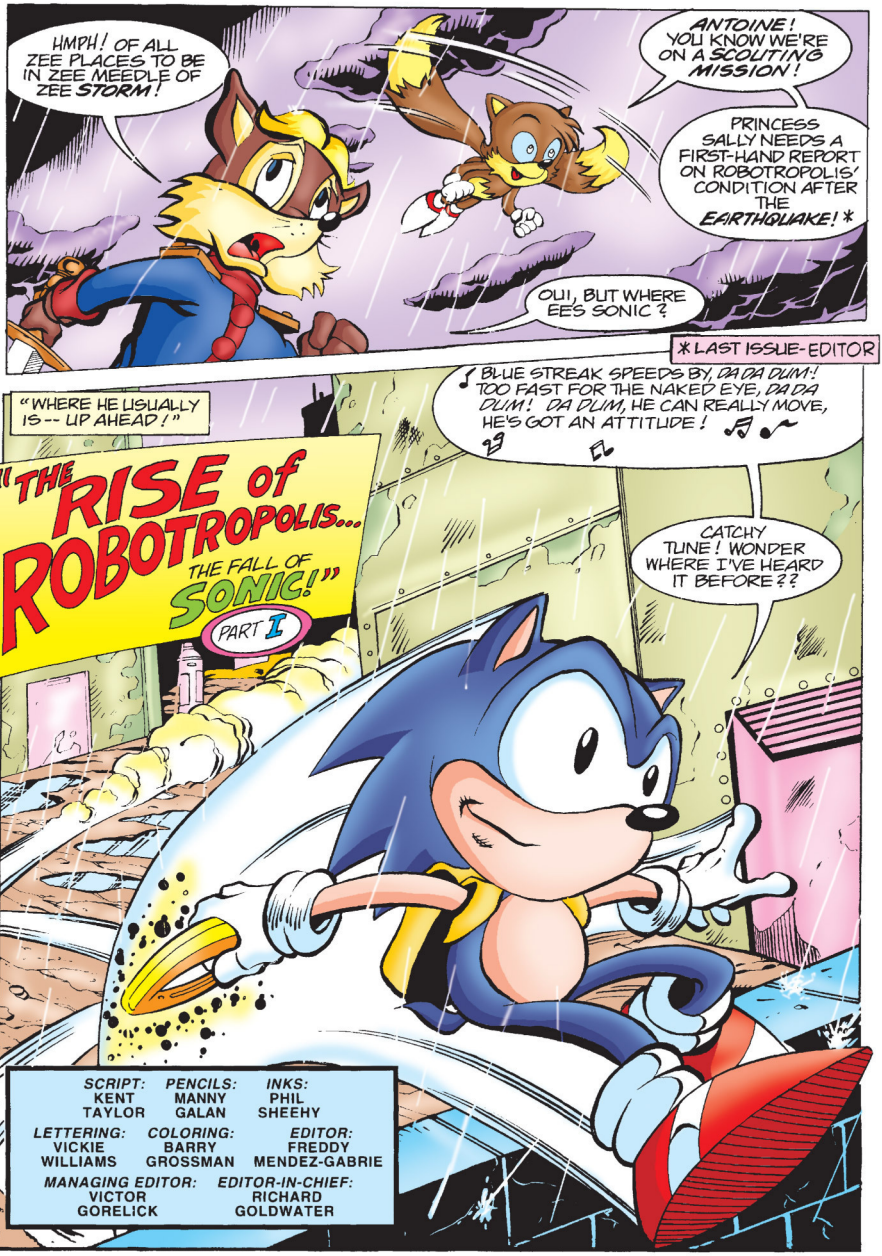
HMPH! OF ALL ZEE PLACES TO BE IN ZEE MEEDLE OF ZEE STORM!
ANTOINE! YOU KNOW WE'RE ON A SCOUTING MISSION!
PRINCESS SALLY NEEDS A FIRST-HAND REPORT ON ROBOTROPOLIS' CONDITION AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE!*
OUI, BUT WHERE EE'S SONIC?
*LAST ISSUE-EDITOR
"WHERE HE USUALLY IS-- UP AHEAD!"
"THE RISE of ROBOTROPOLIS... THE FALL OF SONIC!" PART I
♪ BLUE STREAK SPEEDS BY, DA DA DUM! TOO FAST FOR THE NAKED EYE, DA DA DUM! DA DUM, HE CAN REALLY MOVE, HE'S GOT AN ATTITUDE! ♪
CATCHY TUNE! WONDER WHERE I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE??
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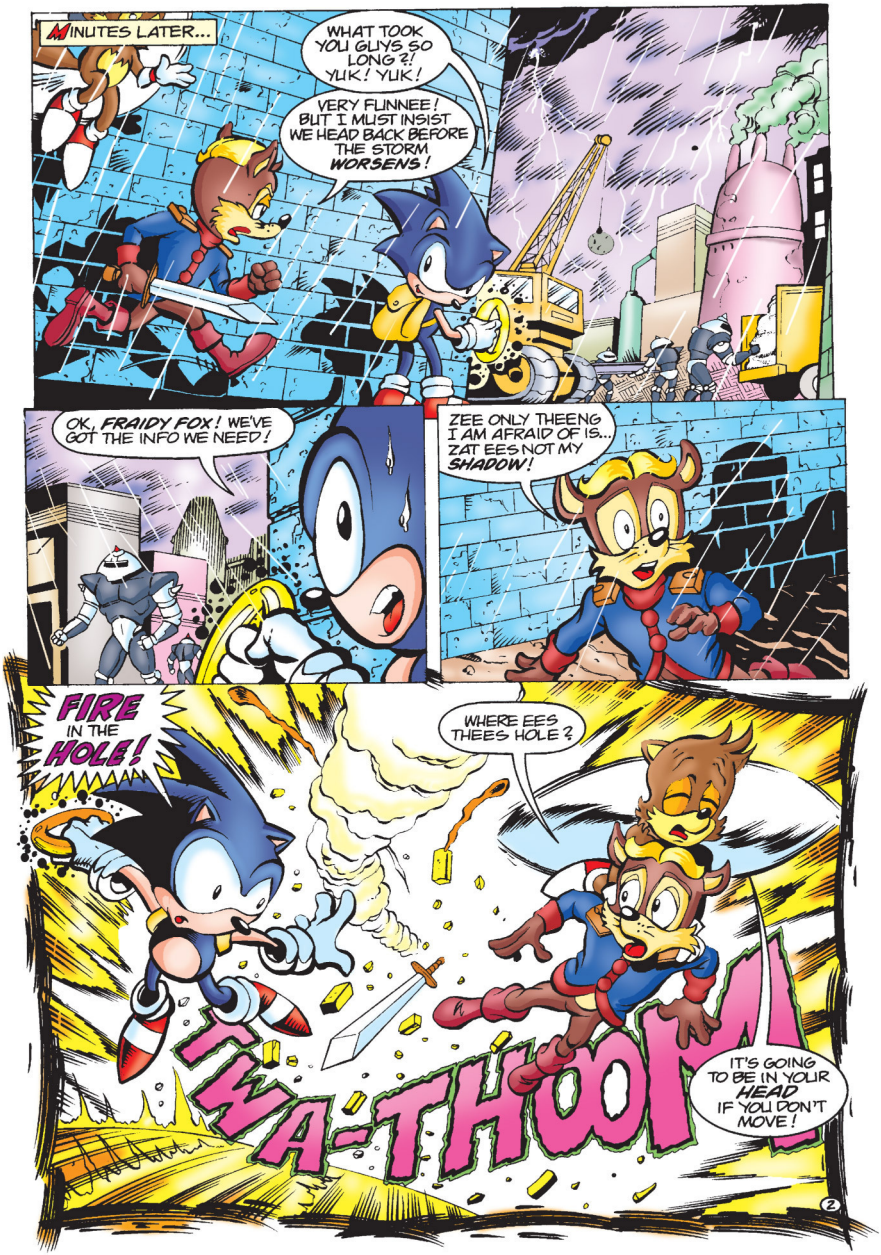
MINUTES LATER...
WHAT TOOK YOU GUYS SO LONG?! YUK! YUK!
VERY FUNNEE! BUT I MUST INSIST WE HEAD BACK BEFORE THE STORM WORSENS!
OK, FRAIDY FOX! WE'VE GOT THE INFO WE NEED!
ZEE ONLY THEENG I AM AFRAID OF IS... ZAT EES NOT MY SHADOW!
FIRE IN THE HOLE!
WHERE EES THEES HOLE?
KWA-THOOM!
IT'S GOING TO BE IN YOUR HEAD IF YOU DON'T MOVE!

COMBOTS?! I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL DESTROYED!
TAILS--- MANEUVER S-46!!
ONE ATOMIC DROP COMIN' UP-- ER-- DOWN!
WAIT! I DO NOT LIKE THEES...
ZAP!
KLANG!
ZAP!
ZAP!
PRIORITY-TWO NEUTRALIZE SON--BZZT
OUCH ...MANEUVER!
WAY TO GO, BIG GUY!
WHUMP!
BONK!
BONK!
NOW FOR MY PART--DROP KICK TO THE CHEST!
--AND HIS PARTNER DOES THE REST!
YA-BLOOM!
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AS THE STORM AND BATTLE RAGE ON...
THESE GUYS ARE TOUGHER THAN SWATBOTS! WE COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP!
WHIRR
SLICE!
...MOTHER NATURE MIRACULOUSLY RESPONDS TO A SUMMONS...
KRACK!
...BUT WHOSE SIDE IS SHE REALLY ON?!
BADOOOOM!
WHOA! I'VE NEVER SEEN A 'BOT EXPLODE LIKE THAT BEFORE!
HURRY! BRING ZEE HELP! I DO NOT THEENK EES GOING TO MAKE IT!
SONIC!!
ANTOINE! HE'S NOT MOVING!
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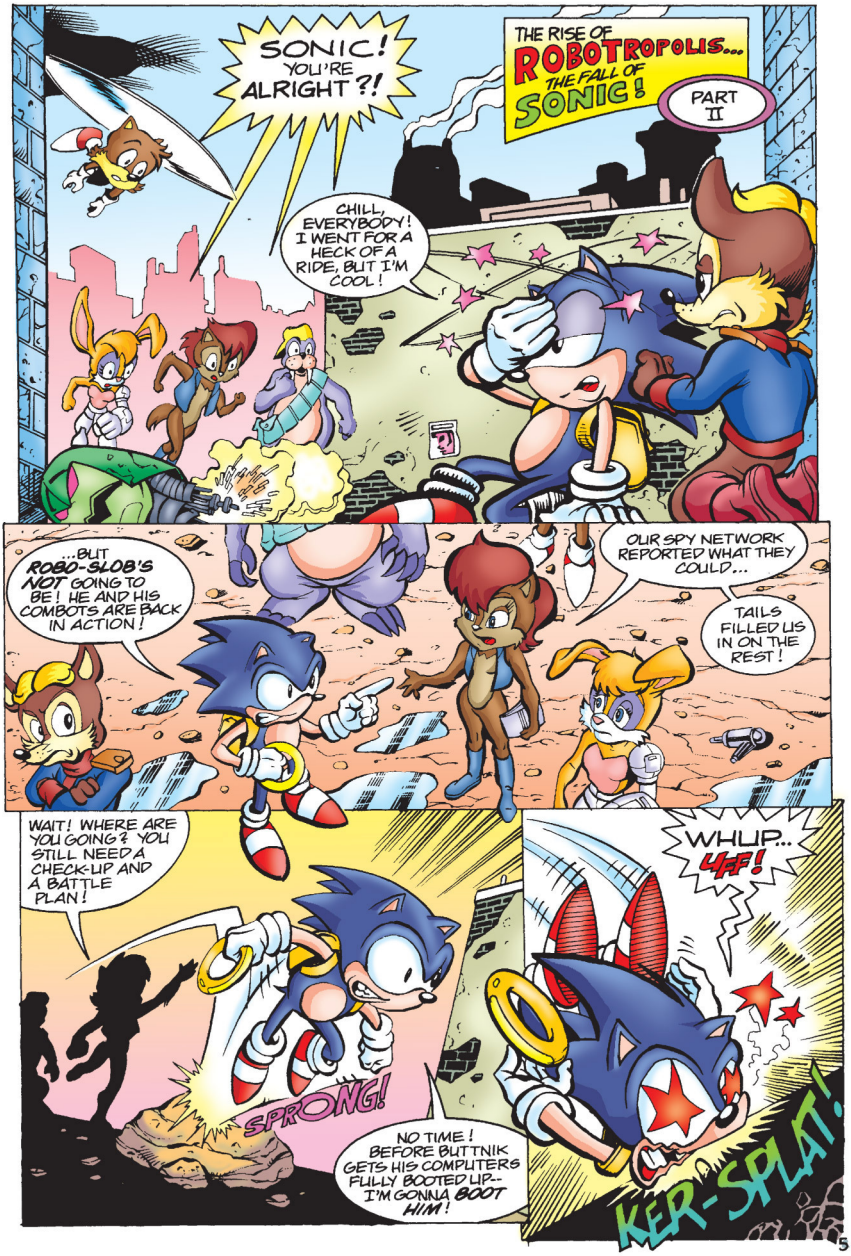
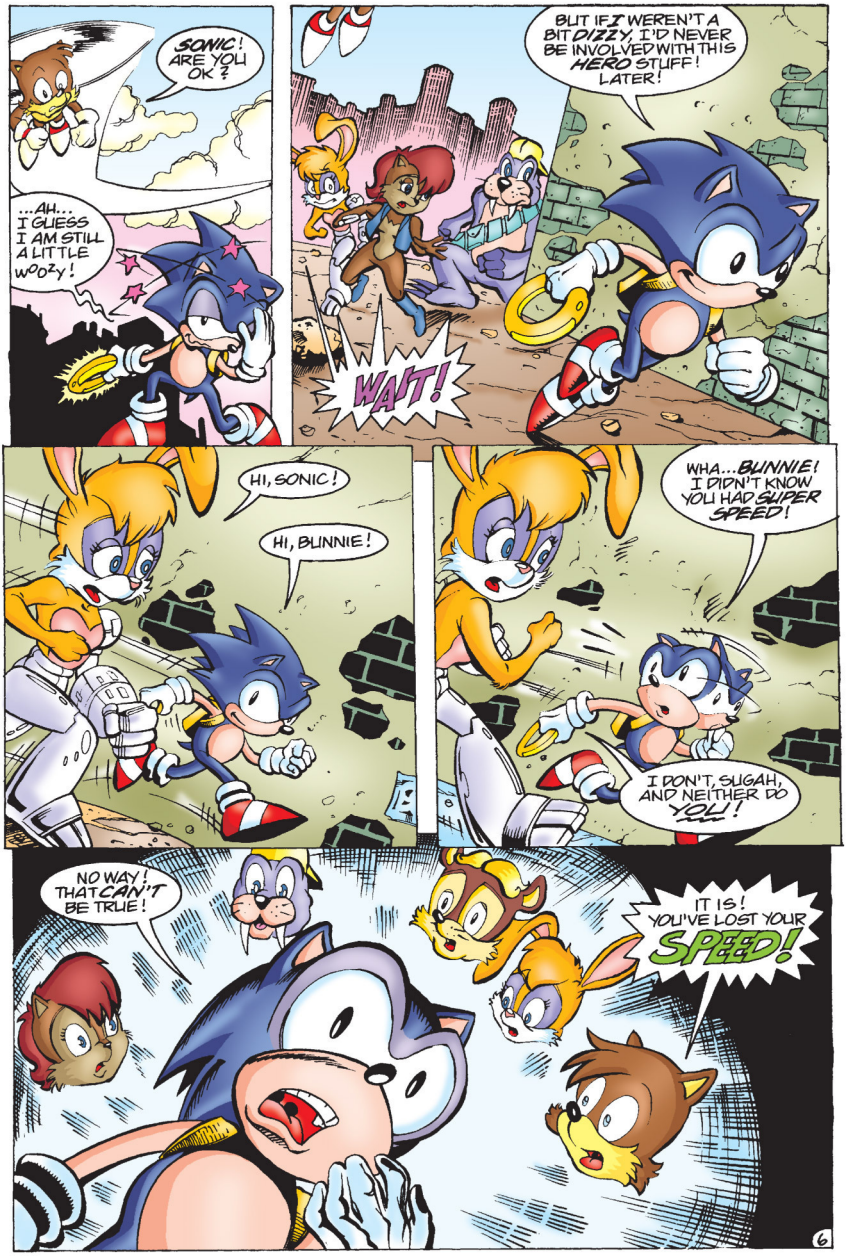
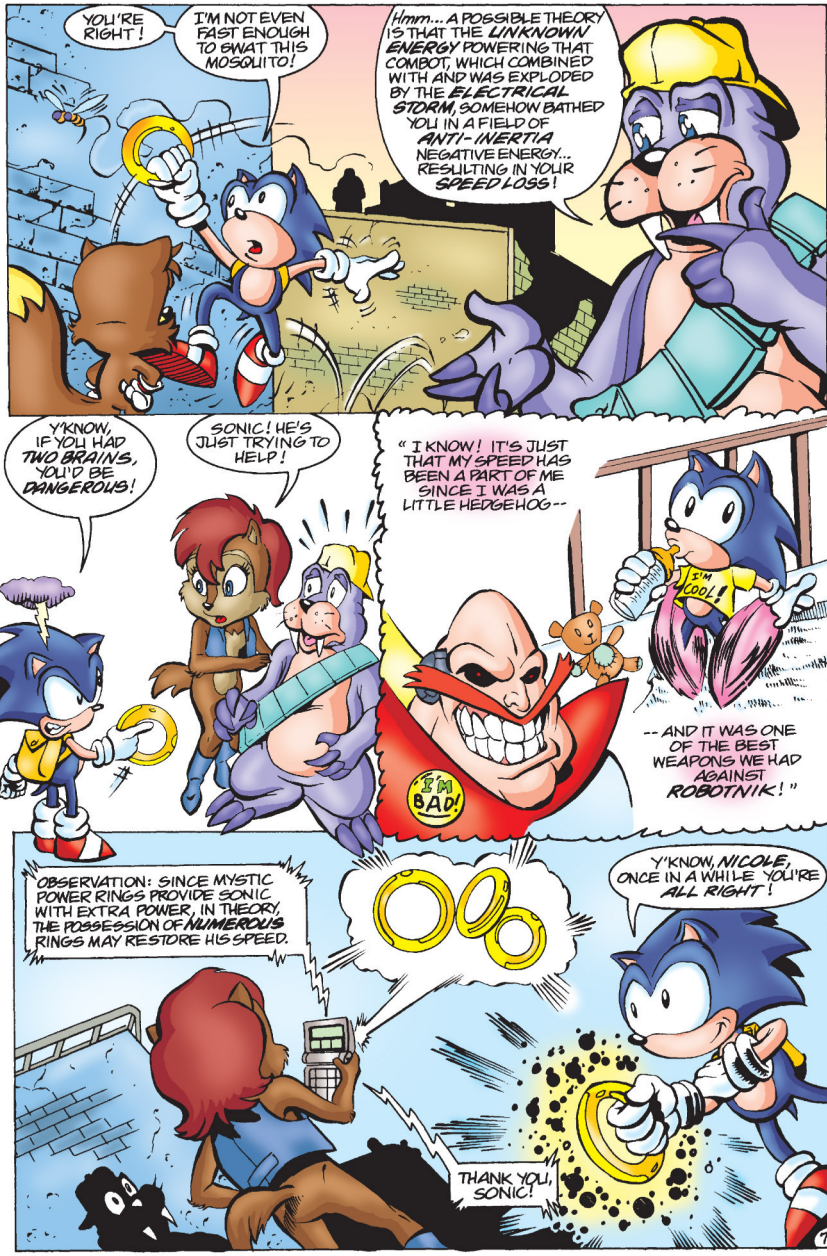

SONIC! YOU'RE ALRIGHT?!
THE RISE OF ROBOTROPOLIS... THE FALL OF SONIC!
PART II
CHILL, EVERYBODY! I WENT FOR A HECK OF A RIDE, BUT I'M COOL!
...BUT ROBO-SLOB'S NOT GOING TO BE! HE AND HIS COMBOTS ARE BACK IN ACTION!
OUR SPY NETWORK REPORTED WHAT THEY COULD...
TAILS FILLED US IN ON THE REST!
WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU STILL NEED A CHECK-UP AND A BATTLE PLAN!
SPRONG!
NO TIME! BEFORE BUTTNIK GETS HIS COMPUTERS FULLY BOOTED UP-- I'M GONNA BOOT HIM!
WHUP... UFF!
KER-SPLAT!


SONIC! ARE YOU OK?
...AH... I GUESS I AM STILL A LITTLE WOOZY!
BUT IF I WEREN'T A BIT DIZZY, I'D NEVER BE INVOLVED WITH THIS HERO STUFF! LATER!
WAIT!
HI, SONIC!
HI, BUNNIE!
WHA... BUNNIE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD SUPER SPEED!
I DON'T, SUGAH, AND NEITHER DO YOU!
NO WAY! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
IT IS! YOU'VE LOST YOUR SPEED!


YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'M NOT EVEN FAST ENOUGH TO SWAT THIS MOSQUITO!
Hmm... A POSSIBLE THEORY IS THAT THE UNKNOWN ENERGY POWERING THAT COMBOT, WHICH COMBINED WITH AND WAS EXPLODED BY THE ELECTRICAL STORM, SOMEHOW BATHED YOU IN A FIELD OF ANTI-INERTIA NEGATIVE ENERGY... RESULTING IN YOUR SPEED LOSS!
Y'KNOW, IF YOU HAD TWO BRAINS, YOU'D BE DANGEROUS!
SONIC! HE'S JUST TRYING TO HELP!
"I KNOW! IT'S JUST THAT MY SPEED HAS BEEN A PART OF ME SINCE I WAS A LITTLE HEDGEHOG--
I'M COOL!
I'M BAD!
-- AND IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST WEAPONS WE HAD AGAINST ROBOTNIK!"
OBSERVATION: SINCE MYSTIC POWER RINGS PROVIDE SONIC WITH EXTRA POWER, IN THEORY, THE POSSESSION OF NUMEROUS RINGS MAY RESTORE HIS SPEED.
Y'KNOW, NICOLE, ONCE IN A WHILE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
THANK YOU, SONIC!
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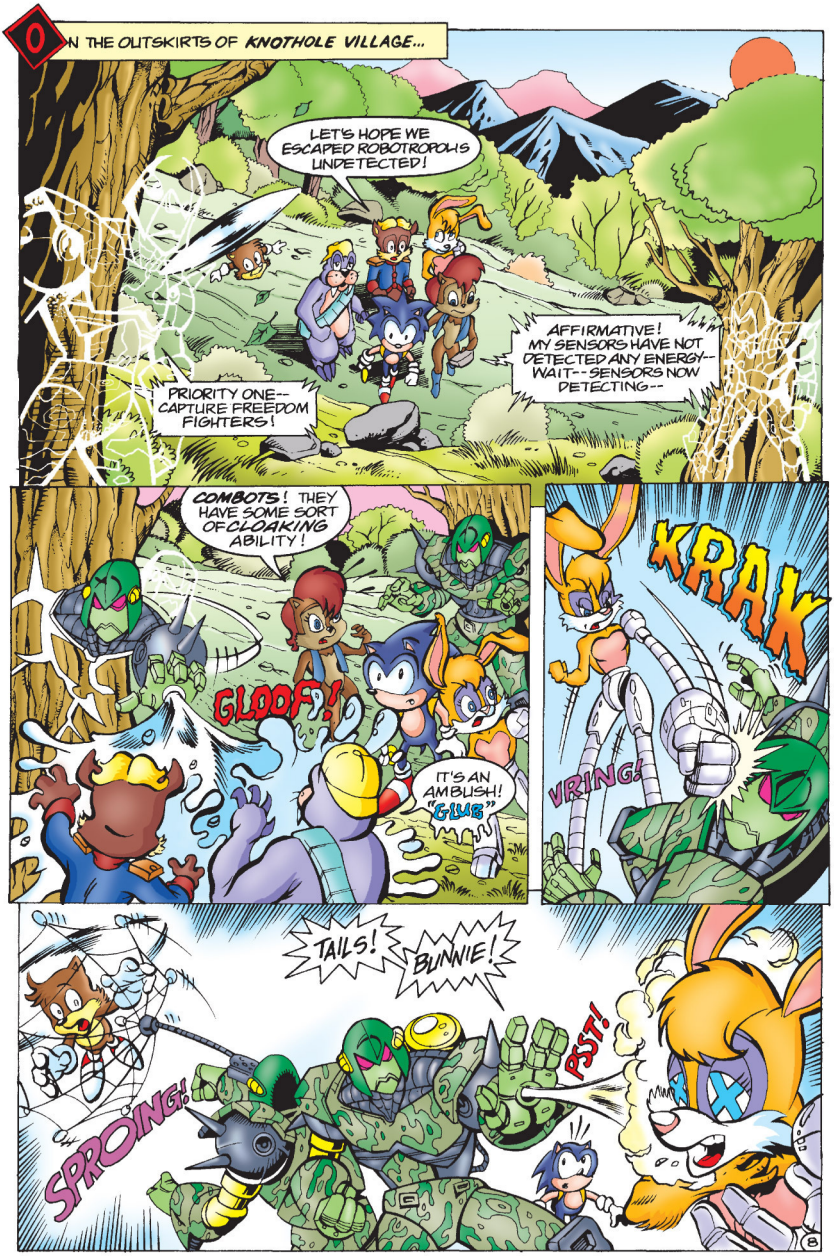
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
LET'S HOPE WE ESCAPED ROBOTROPOLIS UNDETECTED!
AFFIRMATIVE! MY SENSORS HAVE NOT DETECTED ANY ENERGY-- WAIT--SENSORS NOW DETECTING--
PRIORITY ONE-- CAPTURE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
COMBOTS! THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF CLOAKING ABILITY!
GLOOF!
IT'S AN AMBUSH! "GLUE"
KRAK
VRING!
TAILS!
BUNNIE!
PST!
SPROING!
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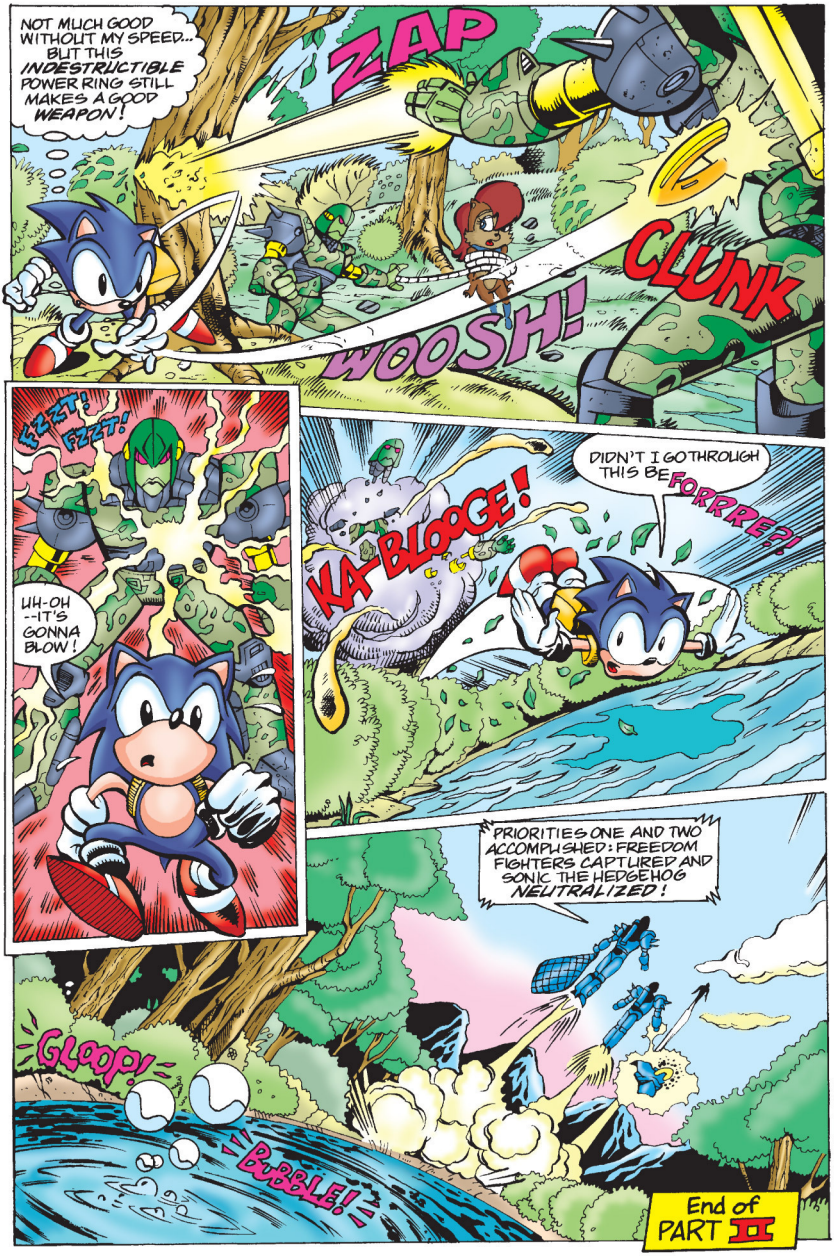
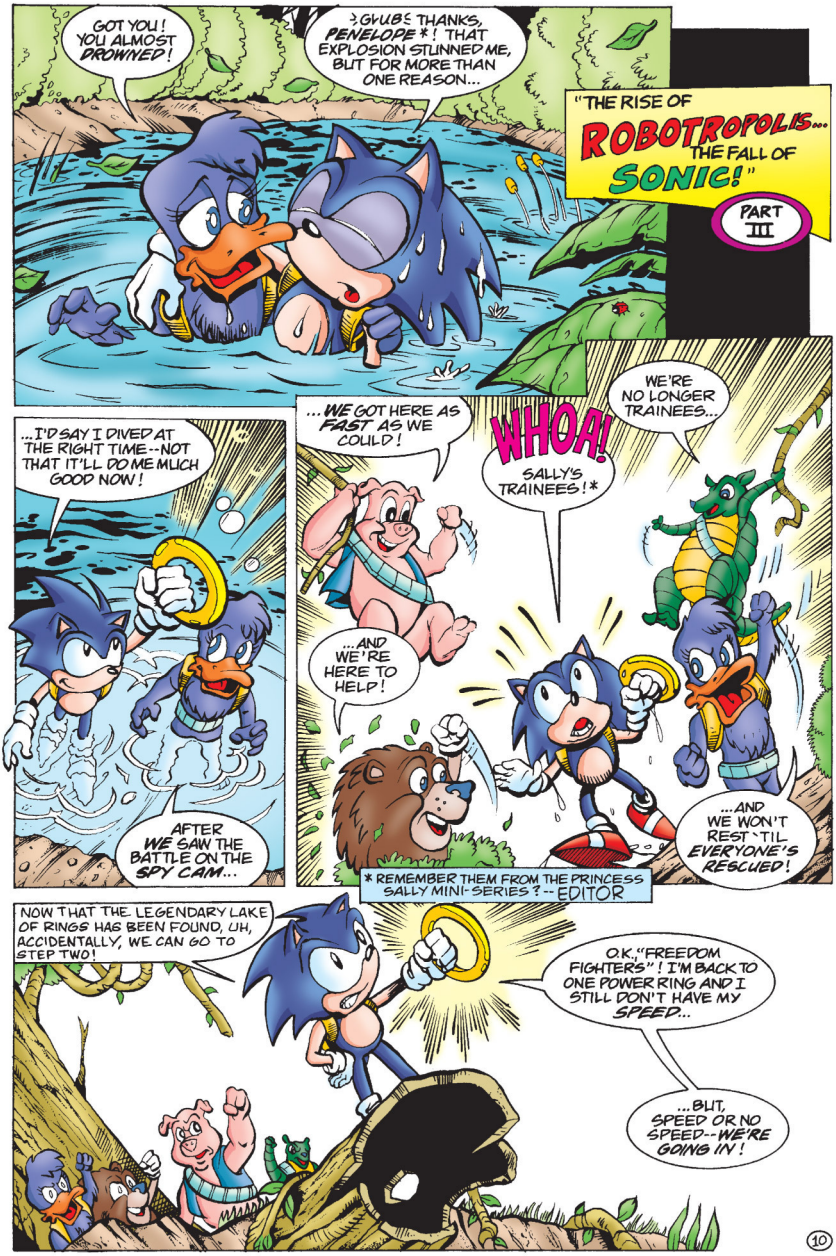

NOT MUCH GOOD WITHOUT MY SPEED... BUT THIS INDESTRUCTIBLE POWER RING STILL MAKES A GOOD WEAPON!
ZAP
CLUNK
WOOSH!
FZZT! FZZT!
UH-OH --IT'S GONNA BLOW!
KA-BLOOGE!
DIDN'T I GO THROUGH THIS BEFORRRE?!
PRIORITIES ONE AND TWO ACCOMPLISHED: FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAPTURED AND SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NEUTRALIZED!
GLOOP!
BUBBLE!
End of PART II


GOT YOU! YOU ALMOST DROWNED!
GYUBE THANKS, PENELOPE*! THAT EXPLOSION STUNNED ME, BUT FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON...
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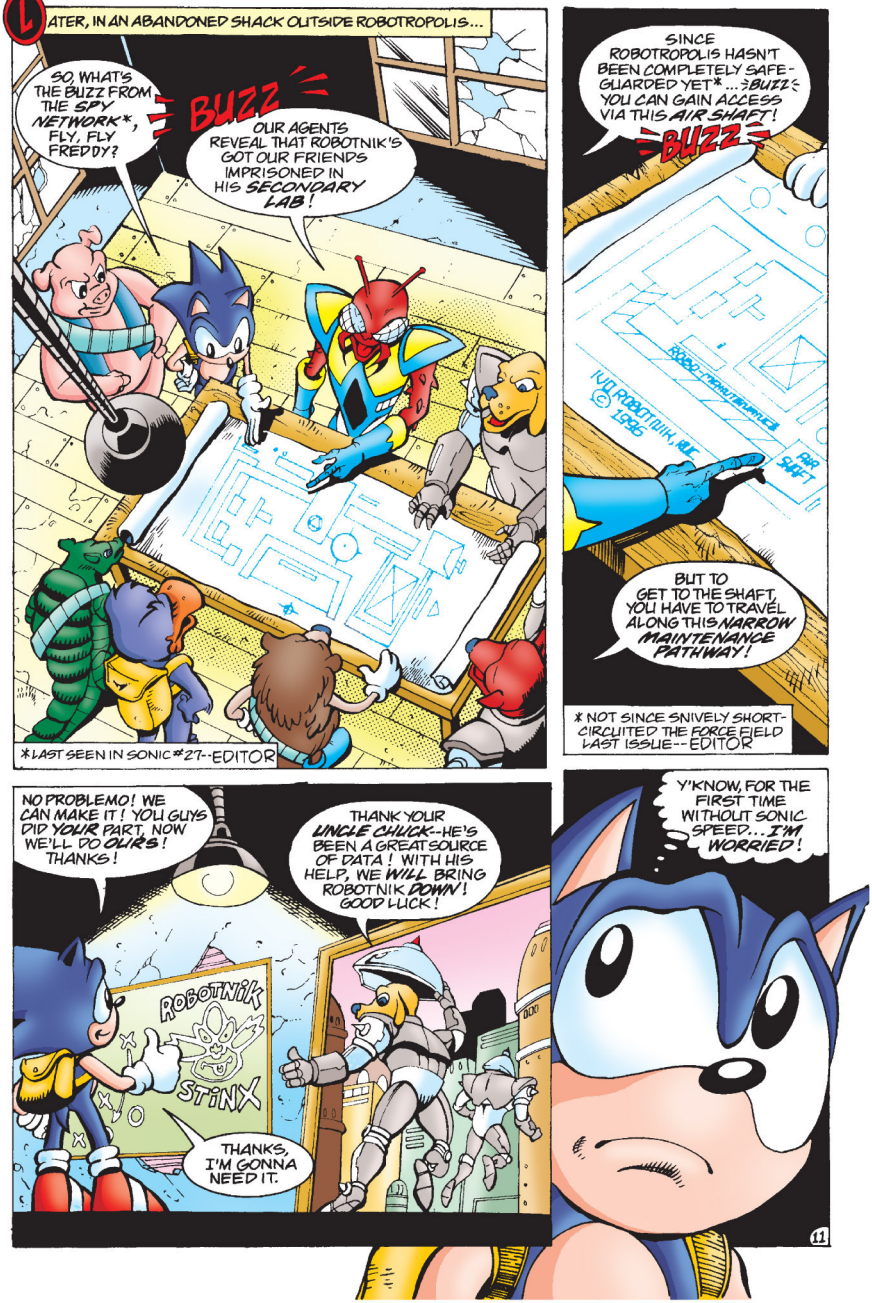
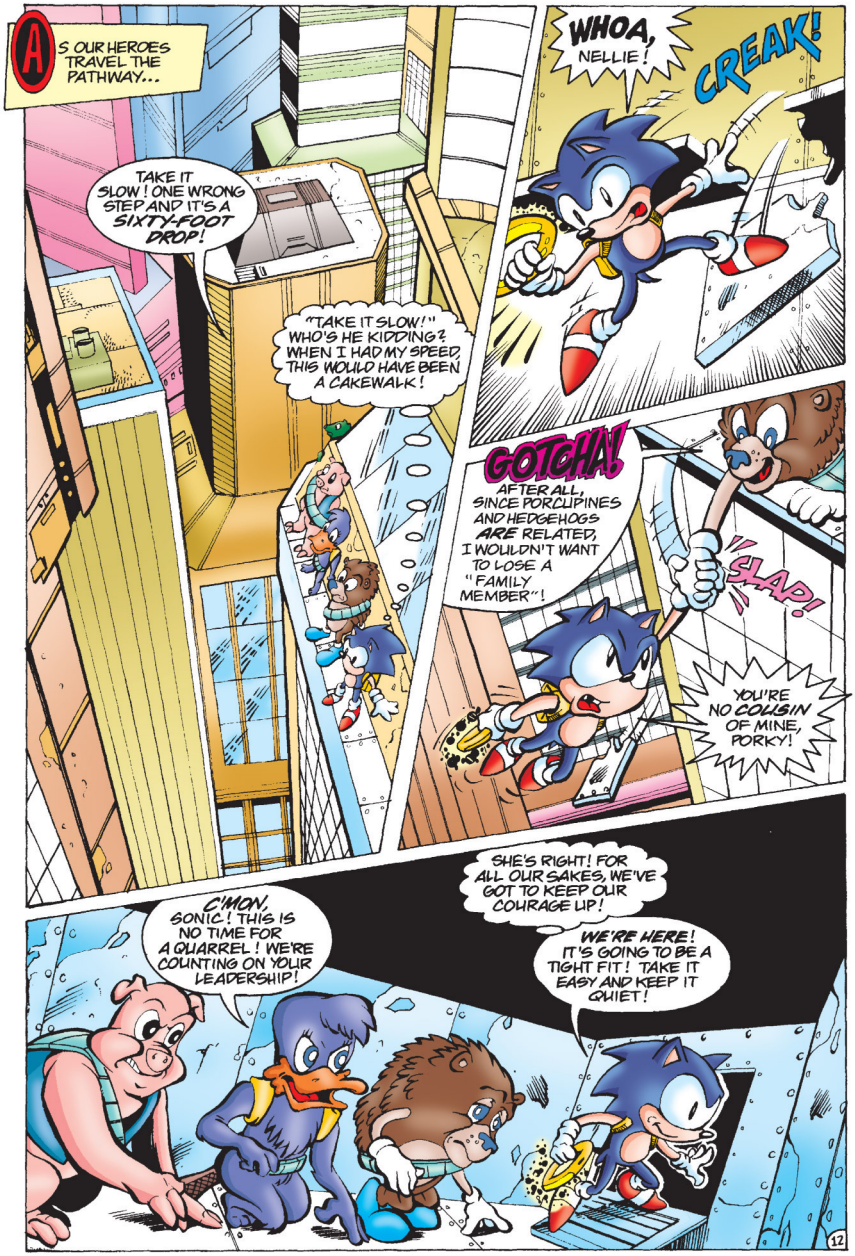
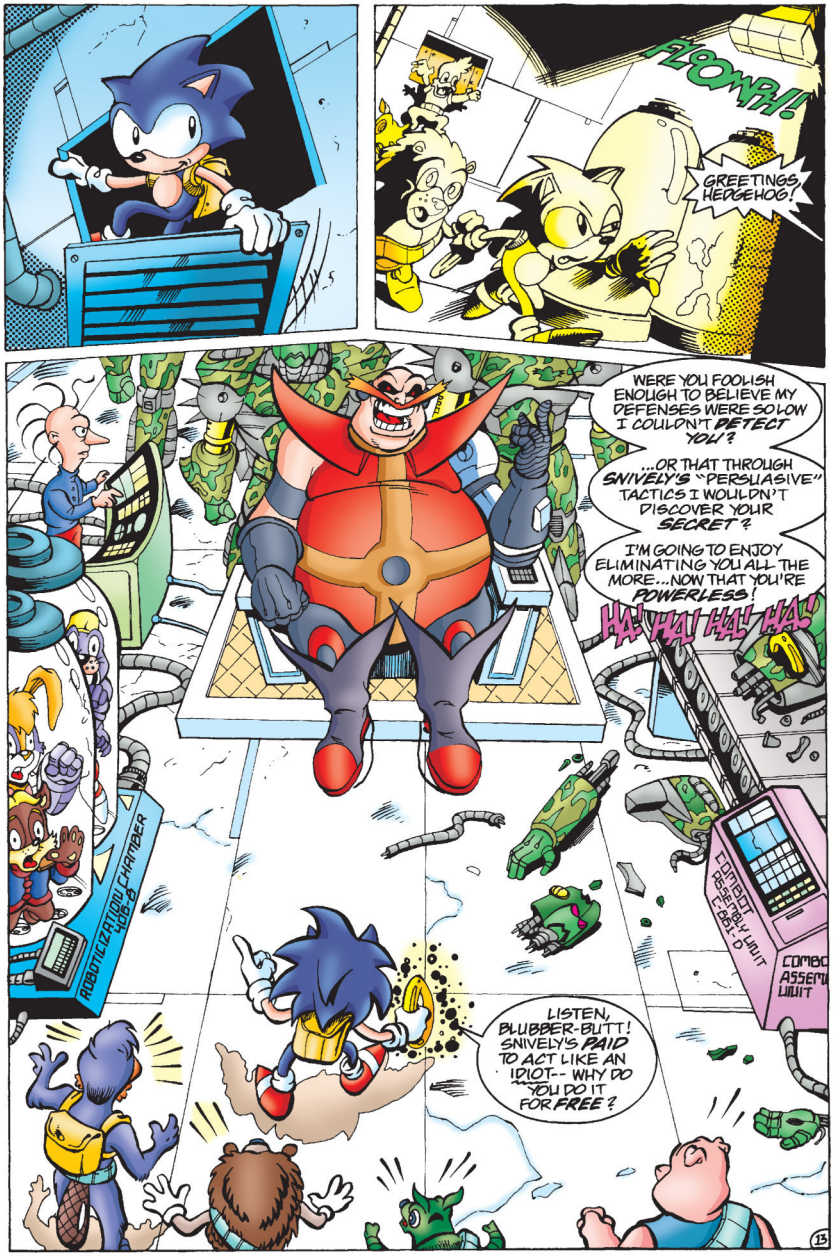
PART III
...I'D SAY I DIVED AT THE RIGHT TIME--NOT THAT IT'LL DO ME MUCH GOOD NOW!
AFTER WE SAW THE BATTLE ON THE SPY CAM...
...WE GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD!
WHOA!
SALLY'S TRAINEES!*
WE'RE NO LONGER TRAINEES...
...AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
...AND WE WON'T REST 'TIL EVERYONE'S RESCUED!
* REMEMBER THEM FROM THE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES? -- EDITOR
NOW THAT THE LEGENDARY LAKE OF RINGS HAS BEEN FOUND, UH, ACCIDENTALLY, WE CAN GO TO STEP TWO!
O.K., "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"! I'M BACK TO ONE POWER RING AND I STILL DON'T HAVE MY SPEED...
...BUT, SPEED OR NO SPEED--WE'RE GOING IN!


LATER, IN AN ABANDONED SHACK OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...
SO, WHAT'S THE BUZZ FROM THE SPY NETWORK*, FLY, FLY FREDDY?
BUZZ
OUR AGENTS REVEAL THAT ROBOTNIK'S GOT OUR FRIENDS IMPRISONED IN HIS SECONDARY LAB!
*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #27--EDITOR
SINCE ROBOTROPOLIS HASN'T BEEN COMPLETELY SAFE-GUARDED YET*...BUZZ...YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS VIA THIS AIR SHAFT!
BUZZ
ROBOTROPOLIS
AIR SHAFT
(C) ROBOTNIK, INC. 1996
BUT TO GET TO THE SHAFT, YOU HAVE TO TRAVEL ALONG THIS NARROW MAINTENANCE PATHWAY!
* NOT SINCE SNIVELY SHORT-CIRCUITED THE FORCE FIELD LAST ISSUE--EDITOR
NO PROBLEMO! WE CAN MAKE IT! YOU GUYS DID YOUR PART, NOW WE'LL DO OURS! THANKS!
THANK YOUR UNCLE CHUCK--HE'S BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF DATA! WITH HIS HELP, WE WILL BRING ROBOTNIK DOWN! GOOD LUCK!
ROBOTNIK
STINX
THANKS, I'M GONNA NEED IT.
Y'KNOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT SONIC SPEED... I'M WORRIED!


AS OUR HEROES TRAVEL THE PATHWAY...
TAKE IT SLOW! ONE WRONG STEP AND IT'S A SIXTY-FOOT DROP!
"TAKE IT SLOW!" WHO'S HE KIDDING? WHEN I HAD MY SPEED, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A CAKEWALK!
WHOA, NELLIE!
CREAK!
GOTCHA!
AFTER ALL, SINCE PORCUPINES AND HEDGEHOGS ARE RELATED, I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE A "FAMILY MEMBER"!
SLAP!
YOU'RE NO COUSIN OF MINE, PORKY!
C'MON, SONIC! THIS IS NO TIME FOR A QUARREL! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOUR LEADERSHIP!
SHE'S RIGHT! FOR ALL OUR SAKES, WE'VE GOT TO KEEP OUR COURAGE UP!
WE'RE HERE! IT'S GOING TO BE A TIGHT FIT! TAKE IT EASY AND KEEP IT QUIET!


FLOOP!!
GREETINGS, HEDGEHOG!
WERE YOU FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE MY DEFENSES WERE SO LOW I COULDN'T DETECT YOU?
...OR THAT THROUGH SNIVELY'S "PERSUASIVE" TACTICS I WOULDN'T DISCOVER YOUR SECRET?
I'M GOING TO ENJOY ELIMINATING YOU ALL THE MORE...NOW THAT YOU'RE POWERLESS!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
ROBOTICIZATION CHAMBER 406-B
COMPONENT ASSEMBLY UNIT F-981-D
COMBO ASSEMBLY UNIT
LISTEN, BLUBBER-BUTT! SNIVELY'S PAID TO ACT LIKE AN IDIOT-- WHY DO YOU DO IT FOR FREE?
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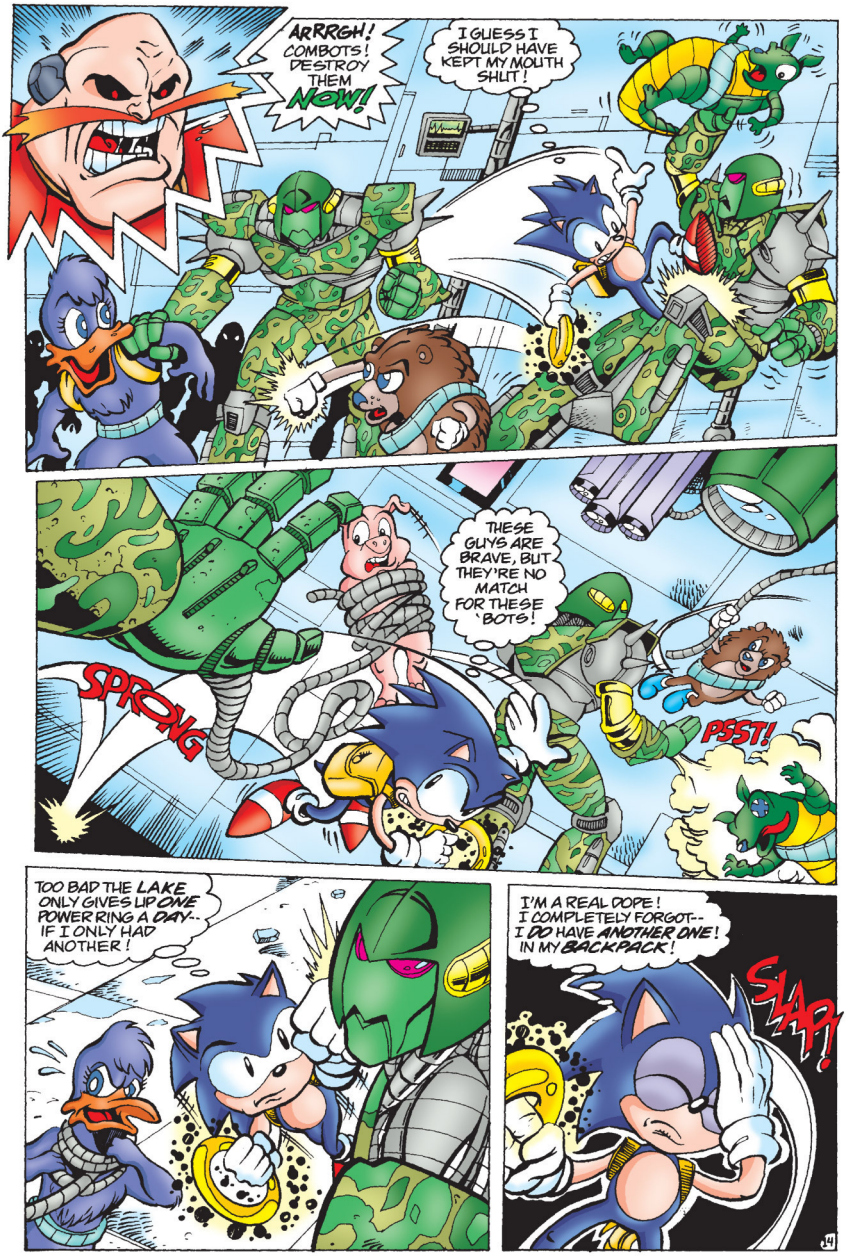
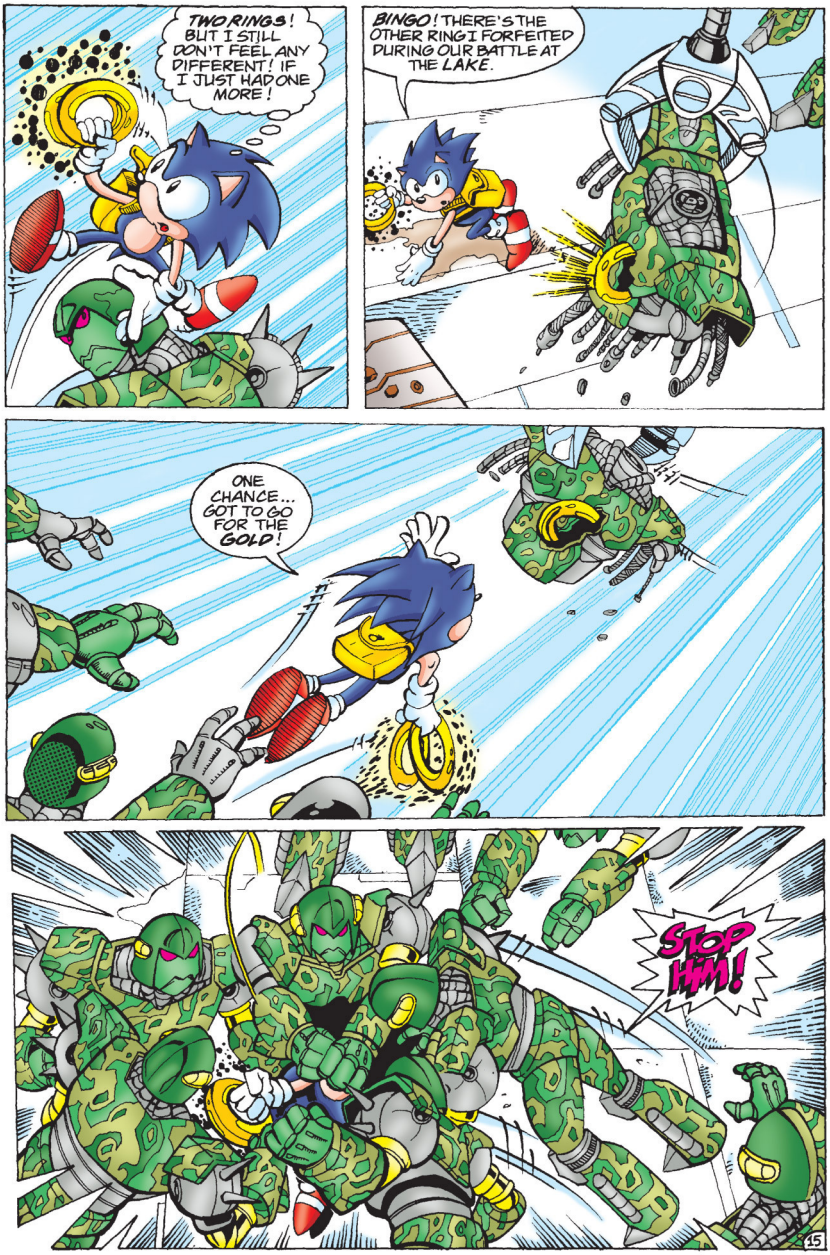
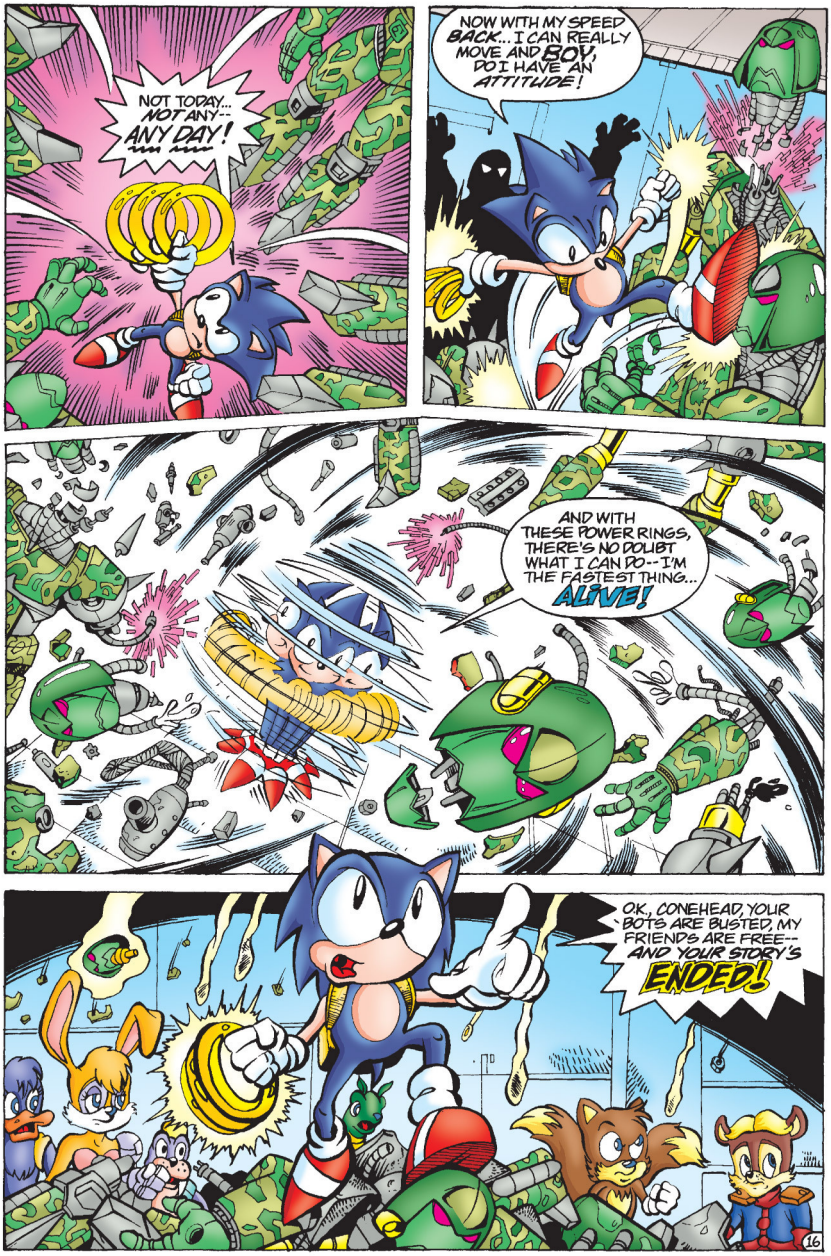
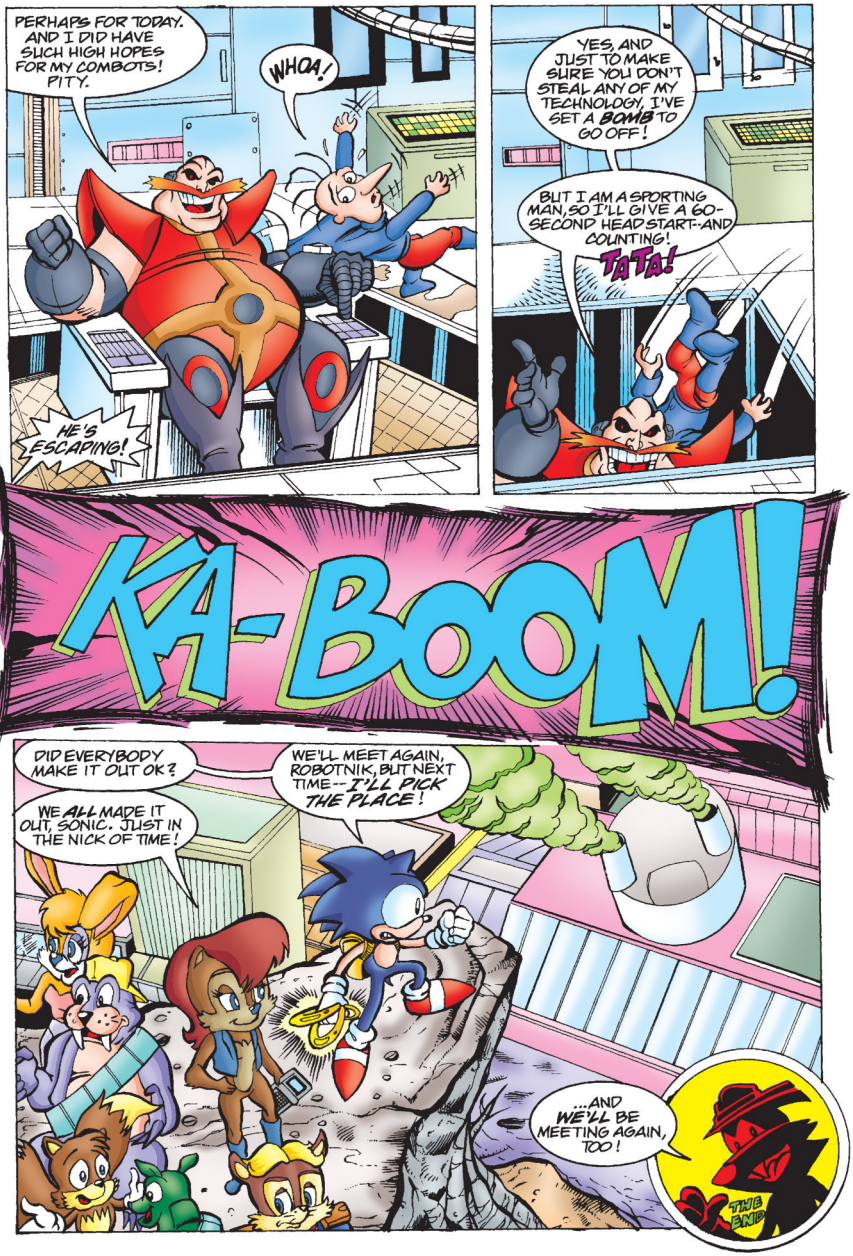

ARRRGH! COMBOTS! DESTROY THEM NOW!
I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT!
THESE GUYS ARE BRAVE, BUT THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR THESE 'BOTS!
SPRONG
PSST!
TOO BAD THE LAKE ONLY GIVES UP ONE POWER RING A DAY-- IF I ONLY HAD ANOTHER!
I'M A REAL DOPE! I COMPLETELY FORGOT-- I DO HAVE ANOTHER ONE! IN MY BACKPACK!
SLAP!

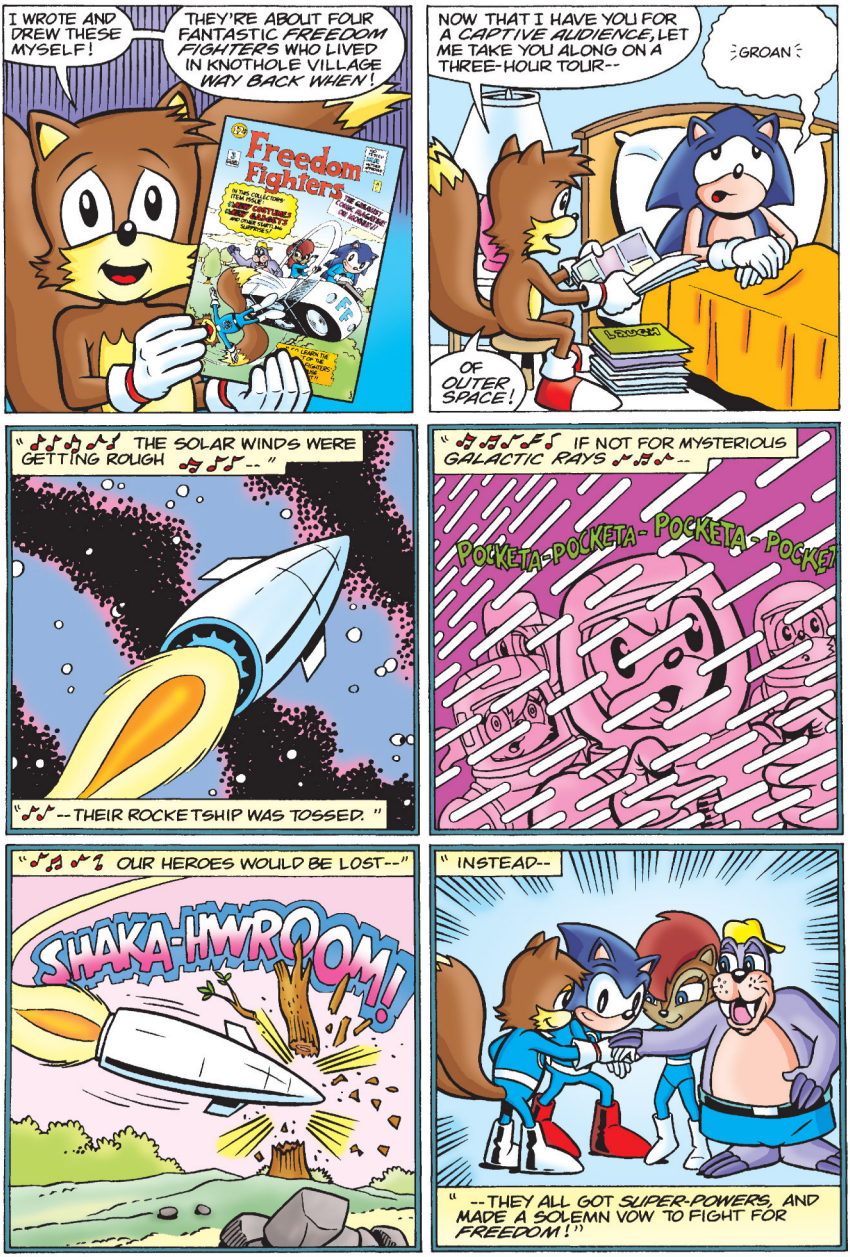

TWO RINGS! BUT I STILL DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT! IF I JUST HAD ONE MORE!
BINGO! THERE'S THE OTHER RING I FORFEITED DURING OUR BATTLE AT THE LAKE.
ONE CHANCE... GOT TO GO FOR THE GOLD!
STOP HIM!


NOT TODAY... NOT ANY-- ANY DAY!
NOW WITH MY SPEED BACK... I CAN REALLY MOVE AND BOY, DO I HAVE AN ATTITUDE!
AND WITH THESE POWER RINGS, THERE'S NO DOUBT WHAT I CAN DO-- I'M THE FASTEST THING... ALIVE!
OK, CONEHEAD, YOUR BOTS ARE BUSTED, MY FRIENDS ARE FREE-- AND YOUR STORY'S ENDED!


PERHAPS FOR TODAY. AND I DID HAVE SUCH HIGH HOPES FOR MY COMBOTS! PITY.
WHOA!
HE'S ESCAPING!
YES, AND JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T STEAL ANY OF MY TECHNOLOGY, I'VE SET A BOMB TO GO OFF!
BUT I AM A SPORTING MAN, SO I'LL GIVE A 60-SECOND HEAD START--AND COUNTING!
TATA!
KA-BOOM!
DID EVERYBODY MAKE IT OUT OK?
WE ALL MADE IT OUT, SONIC. JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN, ROBOTNIK, BUT NEXT TIME-- I'LL PICK THE PLACE!
...AND WE'LL BE MEETING AGAIN, TOO!
THE END

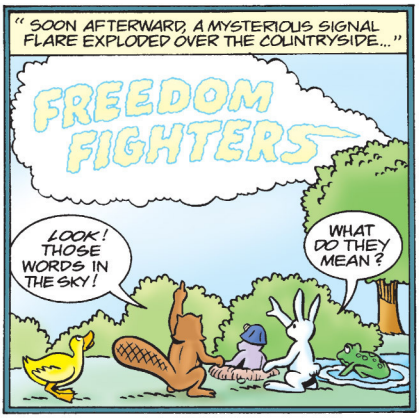
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG COULD REALLY GO FOR A FEW...

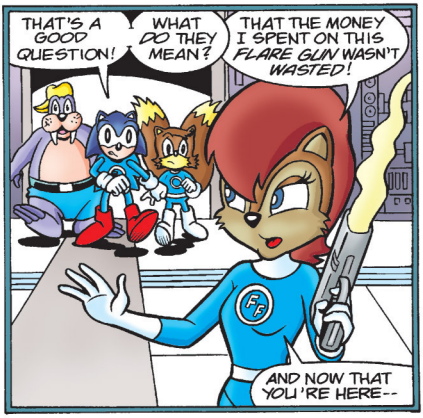
A SCINTILLATING SAGA OF TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY CRAFTED WITH CARE IN THE MIGHTY MOBIUS MANNER BY MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS, WITH JON D'AGOSTINO, VICKIE WILLIAMS, & BARRY GROSSMAN.

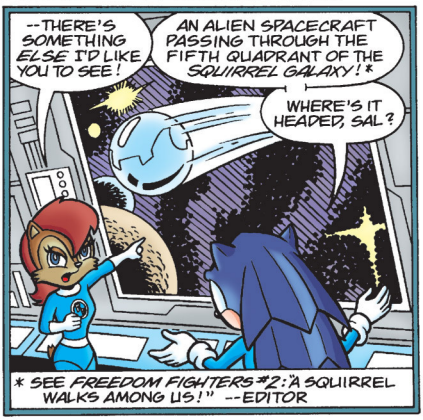

I WROTE AND DREW THESE MYSELF!
THEY'RE ABOUT FOUR FANTASTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO LIVED IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WAY BACK WHEN!
Freedom Fighters
NOW THAT I HAVE YOU FOR A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE, LET ME TAKE YOU ALONG ON A THREE-HOUR TOUR--
GROAN
OF OUTER SPACE!
"♪♪♪♪♪ THE SOLAR WINDS WERE GETTING ROUGH ♪♪♪--"
"♪♪--THEIR ROCKETSHIP WAS TOSSED."
"♪♪♪♪♪♪ IF NOT FOR MYSTERIOUS GALACTIC RAYS ♪♪♪--
POCKETA-POCKETA-POCKETA-POCKET
"♪♪♪♪♪ OUR HEROES WOULD BE LOST--"
SHAKA-HWROOM!
" INSTEAD--
"--THEY ALL GOT SUPER-POWERS, AND MADE A SOLEMN VOW TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!"

I DON'T GET IT! HOW DID THEY SURVIVE THE CRASH?
THEY'RE SUPER HEROES, OKAY?
SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA TAKE THIS STUFF ON FAITH!

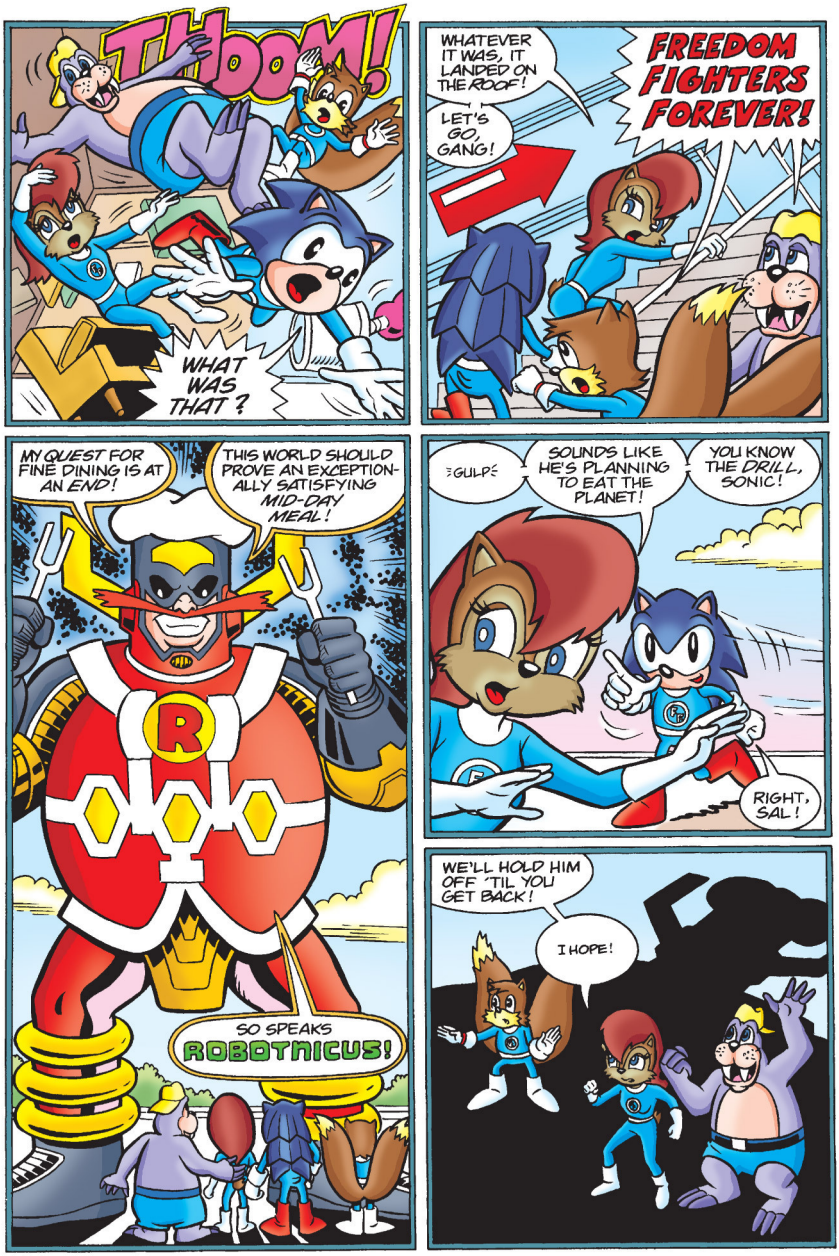
AH-HEM
NOW WHERE WAS I?
OH, YES...

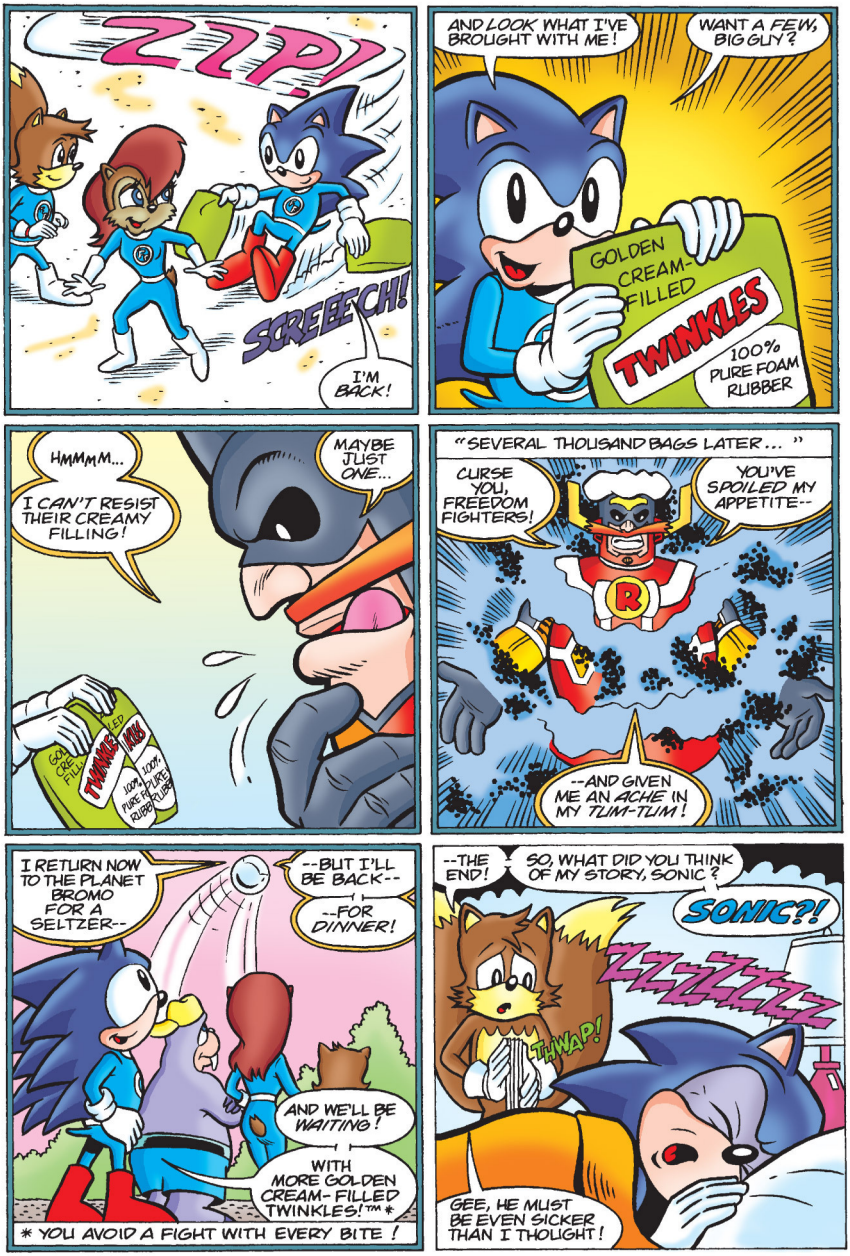

" SOON AFTERWARD, A MYSTERIOUS SIGNAL FLARE EXPLODED OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE..."
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
LOOK! THOSE WORDS IN THE SKY!
WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

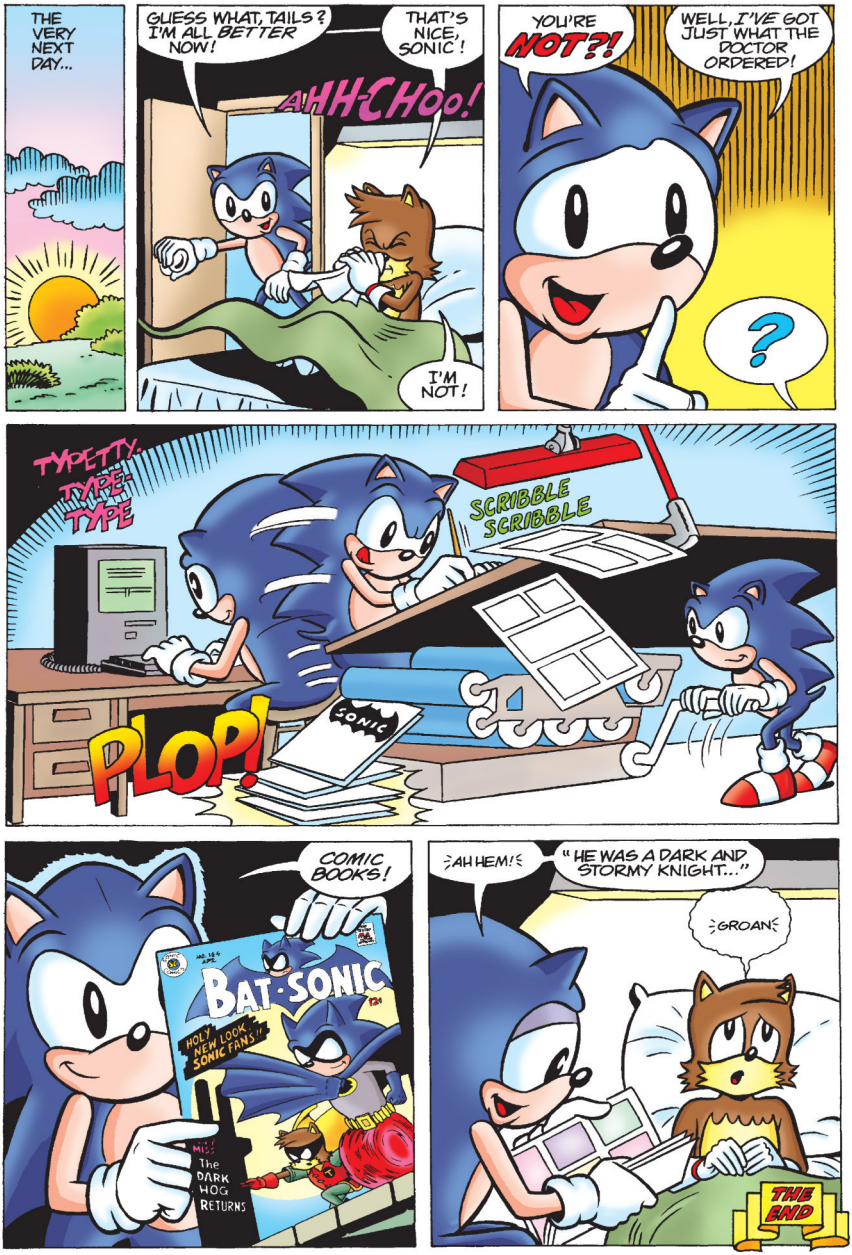

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!
WHAT DO THEY MEAN?
THAT THE MONEY I SPENT ON THIS FLARE GUN WASN'T WASTED!
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE--


--THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'D LIKE YOU TO SEE!
AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT PASSING THROUGH THE FIFTH QUADRANT OF THE SQUIRREL GALAXY! *
WHERE'S IT HEADED, SAL?
* SEE FREEDOM FIGHTERS #2: "A SQUIRREL WALKS AMONG US!" --EDITOR

I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST!
IT COULD LAND ANYWHERE!


THOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHATEVER IT WAS, IT LANDED ON THE ROOF!
LET'S GO, GANG!
FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER!
MY QUEST FOR FINE DINING IS AT AN END!
THIS WORLD SHOULD PROVE AN EXCEPTIONALLY SATISFYING MID-DAY MEAL!
SO SPEAKS ROBOTNICUS!
GULP!
SOUNDS LIKE HE'S PLANNING TO EAT THE PLANET!
YOU KNOW THE DRILL, SONIC!
RIGHT, SAL!
WE'LL HOLD HIM OFF 'TIL YOU GET BACK!
I HOPE!


ZIP!
SCREEECH!
I'M BACK!
AND LOOK WHAT I'VE BROUGHT WITH ME!
WANT A FEW, BIG GUY?
GOLDEN CREAM-FILLED
TWINKLES
100% PURE FOAM RUBBER
HMMMM...
I CAN'T RESIST THEIR CREAMY FILLING!
MAYBE JUST ONE...
"SEVERAL THOUSAND BAGS LATER..."
CURSE YOU, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YOU'VE SPOILED MY APPETITE--
--AND GIVEN ME AN ACHE IN MY TUM-TUM!
I RETURN NOW TO THE PLANET BROMO FOR A SELTZER--
--BUT I'LL BE BACK--
--FOR DINNER!
AND WE'LL BE WAITING!
WITH MORE GOLDEN CREAM-FILLED TWINKLES!™*
* YOU AVOID A FIGHT WITH EVERY BITE!
--THE END!
SO, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MY STORY, SONIC?
SONIC?!
ZZZZZZZ
THWAP!
GEE, HE MUST BE EVEN SICKER THAN I THOUGHT!


THE VERY NEXT DAY...
GUESS WHAT, TAILS? I'M ALL BETTER NOW!
THAT'S NICE, SONIC!
AHH-CHOO!
I'M NOT!
YOU'RE NOT?!
WELL, I'VE GOT JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!
?
TYPETY-TYPE-TYPE
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
PLOP!
SONIC
COMIC BOOKS!
BAT-SONIC
HOLY NEW LOOK, SONIC FANS!!
The DARK HOG RETURNS
AH HEM!
"HE WAS A DARK AND STORMY KNIGHT..."
GROAN
THE END

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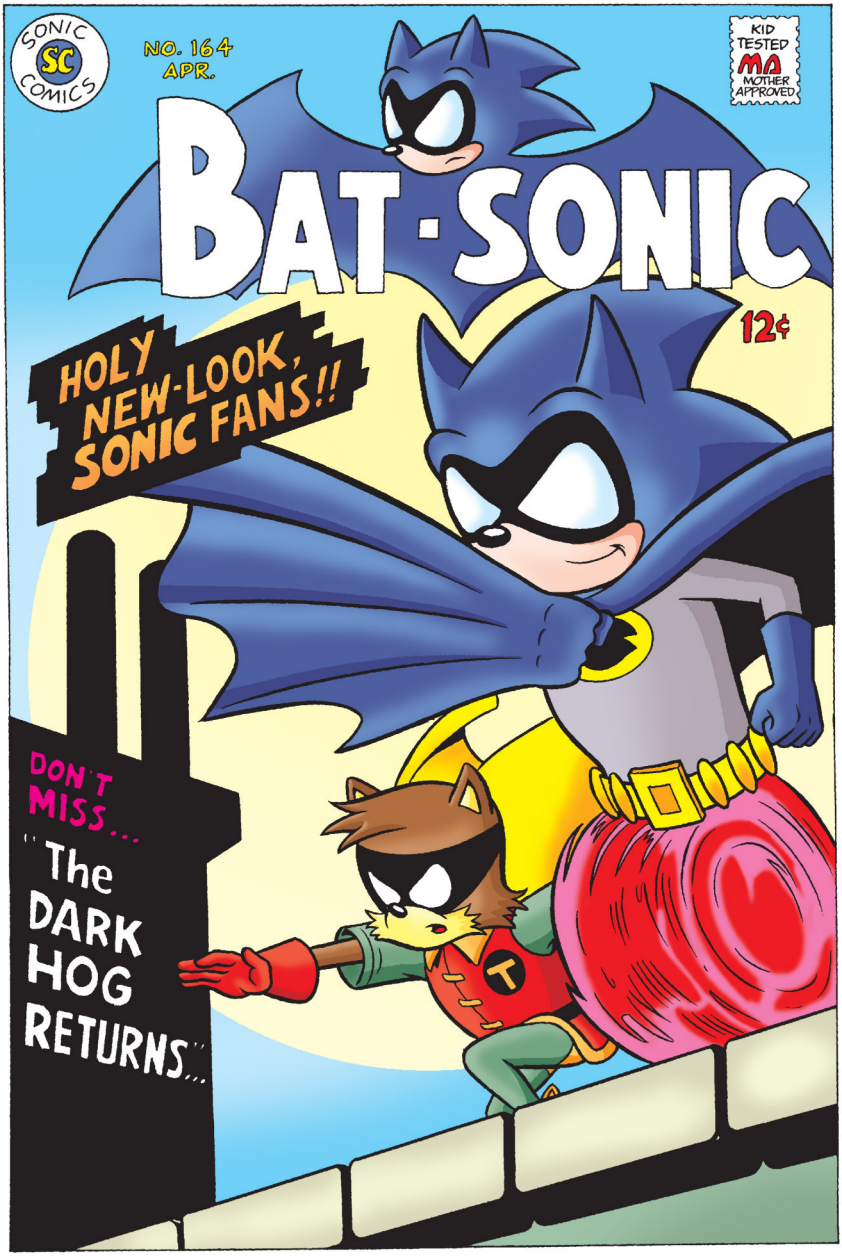
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